

"Mediterranean Odyssey" for alumni and friends

The journey from ancient to modern will be highlighted during "Mediterranean Odyssey," the Hope Alumni Summer Seminar scheduled for June.

Based aboard the *Celebrity Equinox*, the two-week seminar, organized for alumni and friends of the college, will feature a cruise through the eastern Mediterranean with stops in Italy, Greece and Turkey. The seminar will run Sunday, June 13, through Saturday, June 26, with highlights ranging from the region's natural beauty and striking architecture, to its rich cultural traditions, to its significance in history and religion.

The sea voyage will begin and end at Rome's port at Civitavecchia. The itinerary will include the volcanic island of Santorini; the windmills of the island of Mykonos; the Blue Mosque, Hagia Sofia and Topkapi Palace in Istanbul; an archaeological dig at Ephesus; the

Acropolis in Athens; the ruins of Pompeii; and the Sistine Chapel, Coliseum and Forum in Rome. Participants will spend all but the last of their nights aboard ship, traveling in deluxe, concierge-class staterooms.

The trip will also include an optional land excursion from Saturday, June 26, through Thursday, July 1, that will offer additional time in Rome as well as stays in Florence and Italy.

The seminar will be led by Drs. Don Luidens '69 and Roger Nemeth of the college's department of sociology and social work, along with Susan Hunter of Pathfinders Travel and local guides. Dr. Luidens was born and raised in the Middle East and attended school in the eastern Mediterranean, Dr. Nemeth and his family previously lived in Italy, and both have returned since. The two professors have for several years been interested in developing a program through which to share their experience with and



enthusiasm for the area, and are planning opportunities specifically for the seminar participants in addition to those presented through the *Celebrity Equinox*.

"We're very passionate about this part of the world," Dr. Nemeth said. "We've had an on-the-ground experience and not just a tourist experience with it."

"We plan to be very hands-

on, providing historical and cultural information in advance of the seminar and ship-board lectures during the cruise," Dr. Luidens said.

Additional information may be obtained through the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, (616) 395-7250, alumni@hope.edu or online at www.hope.edu/alumni.

E. Jonathan Soderstrom '76 of Madison, Conn., was elected to the board of directors of Kolltan Pharmaceuticals Inc. He is managing director of the Office of Cooperative Research at Yale University, where he has participated in the formation of more than 25 new ventures. **Scott Dwyer '78** of Grand Rapids, Mich. is an attorney with with Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones PLC. He is included in the 2010 edition of the *Best Lawyers in America*. Lawyers

are selected for inclusion solely on the basis of a nationally-conducted peer-review survey in which more than 25,000 leading lawyers vote on the legal abilities and professional achievements of other lawyers in their specialties.

Randy Weener '78 of Grand Rapids, Mich., became classis leader/stated clerk of the South Grand Rapids Classis (Reformed Church in America) last year.

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Janna Rynders '83 McLean of Kankakee, Ill., is dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill.

Janet Swim '83 of Boalsburg, Pa., was chair of the American Psychology Association task force on the interface between psychology and global climate change. She is a professor of psychology at Pennsylvania State University.

Tim Kelley '85 works for GE Aviation in Grand Rapids, Mich., where he is an embedded software engineer working on the Boeing 787, commonly referred to as the "Dreamliner."

Margaret Oklatner '85 McCarty and her husband, of Clifford, Pa., celebrated their 20th anniversary in June. She continues to serve as the pastor of the South Montrose Community Church and also works as a substitute teacher. This year she became director of the high school drama program. They mounted two productions, *Voices from the High School*

and the musical *Cinderella*.

Sara Blomeling-DeRoo '86 and her husband celebrated the grand opening of their deep-fry restaurant, Glorious Wings, in Washington Square in

Bill Te Winkle '76 of Plymouth, Wis., was ordained and installed as pastor of Hope Reformed Church in Sheboygan, Wis., on Sunday, Aug. 30. His daughter, Rev. Kate Te Winkle '02 Meyer, provided the sermon for the service and his son, Rev. Peter Te Winkle '99, gave the official charge to the minister. Bill earned a master's degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in 2007 and completed the Reformed Church in America's ordination requirements last June. He is also managing partner and attorney at Rohde Dales LLP. He credits the support of his wife, **Jilda Berry '76 Te Winkle**, for his ability to continue his law career while serving the church of which he has been a lifelong member.

Jim DeVries '72 of Kendall Park, N.J., received the R. Kirk Deaton M.D. Memorial Award in honor of his significant contributions to the Hunterdon Medical Center Family Medicine Residency Program, the Hunterdon Medical Center, and the community at large. Jim is in his 29th year as a full-time chaplain. He is director of pastoral care at the medical center and chaplain for Hunterdon Hospice, responsible for the religious and spiritual care of the patients, their families, and staff.

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Sheryl Busman '80 Vander Wagen of Coopersville, Mich., was elected to a two-year term as president of the Antiochian Women, Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest. She also served as coach of her parish (St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church) Bible Bowl team, which placed second at the recent Parish Life Conference held in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Yolanda Tienstra '81 of Hewitt, Wis., returned to campus in July when she brought her daughter, Maia (age 13), to participate in the Cecchetti Council of America International Summer School for dance, held annually at Hope for the past 15 years.

Scott Broekstra '83 of Grand Rapids, Mich. is an attorney with with Mika